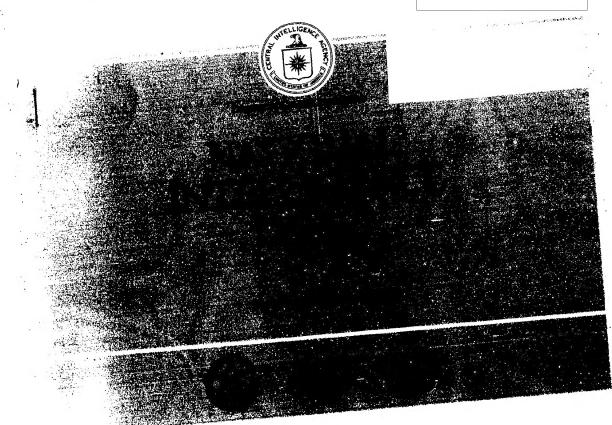
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BALKAN CRISIS:

| Milosevic's Serbian Election Campaign  |  |     |
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| Serbian President Milosevic is intensifying efforts to manipulate the election process and to short-circuit the opposition's campaign.   |  |     |
| Although the Serbian Supreme Court yesterday gave final approval to Yugoslav Prime Minister Panic's presidential bid, Milosevic for the most part has kept the opposition divided and off-balance. Serbian electoral authorities refused to drop Vuk Draskovic—initially the main opposition candidate—from the ballot, even though he endorsed Panic and withdrew. They also refused to allow the infamous "Captain Dragan"—a competitor for Milosevic's support among Serbian nationalists—to run under that nickname. |  |     |
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| The opposition also has complained about ma media, particularly television. Opposition part conducting a vigorous campaign, with frequen advertisements in print and on radio  | ies, nevertheless,                                       | are |
| Comment: On the surface, the opposition still is conduct a credible campaign, but Milosevic has while avoiding blatantly unconstitutional acts. probably believe their media campaign against control of voter rolls will ensure Milosevic's re  | s stacked the dec<br>Serbian authorit<br>Panic and their |     |

Socialist Party's continued dominance in Serbia. Milosevic almost certainly would take further steps, however, if he believed the opposition were headed for an upset victory. Refugee voters, in particular, could skew the outcome if they were encouraged to vote

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early and often.